

OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2022 1:30 P.M.

STATEMENT OF OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT COMPLIANCE

Notice of this Regular Business Meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 3:36 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

The agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. It was posted on the Commission website and at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Commission's principal office.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2022, SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

The members of the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission met at 1915 N. Stiles Ave., 1st floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 27, 2022.

Members present: Chairman Jordan Russell, Commissioner Megan Tilly, and Commissioner Scott Biggs.

Others Present: Andrea Delling, WCC; Ian Steedman, WCC; Collin Fowler, WCC; Lauren Hammonds Johnson, WCC; James Lawson, WCC; Tava Jones, WCC; and Cody Smith, LegisOK.

Chairman Russell expressed appreciation for those in attendance. After the roll was taken, Chairman Russell found a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Minutes

The minutes of the October 6, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Commission were considered for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Commissioner Tilly

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Consent Agenda for Travel Vouchers Currently Outstanding

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the travel vouchers for the Annual Conference and the regular month.

Second: Commissioner Tilly

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

3. Request to Reduce Security Deposit for International Paper Co., Former Own Risk Permit #14354

James Lawson was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

International Paper Co. (“the Company”), former own risk permit #14354, was a self-insured employer in the Own Risk program until January 1, 2017. The Company petitioned the Commission to reduce the Company’s security deposit to \$800,000.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to accept the recommendation and approve the reduction.

Second: Commissioner Tilly

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of Contract for Spring Semester Interns from the Cristo Rey Work Study Program (“CWSP”)

Lauren Hammonds Johnson was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the contract for the spring semester.

Second: Commissioner Tilly

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

5. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Commission’s FY2024 Operating Budget

CFO Andrea Delling was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission. The Commission discussed ways to reduce certain IT expenses and options for its declining revenue streams.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the FY2024 Budget.

Second: Commissioner Biggs.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

6. Proposed Opening of the Permanent Rulemaking Process to Consider Amendments to the Commission’s Permanent Rules

Lauren Hammonds Johnson was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to open the permanent rulemaking process.

Second: Commissioner Biggs.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

7. Commission Review of the FY2024 Operating Budget for the Oklahoma Multiple Injury Trust Fund (“MITF”) to either take no action or reject administration expenses, as provided in Title 85A O.S. § 31(S).

Andrea Delling was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission. She shared that the MITF has provided the FY2023 budget, but she has not yet received the FY 2024 Budget.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to continue this item to the next meeting.

Second: Commissioner Biggs.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

8. Discussion and Approval of Dates for the Commission’s 2023 Regular Business Meetings

In accordance with 25 O.S. § 311, the Commission is required to provide written notice to the Secretary of State by December 15 of each calendar year of the date, time, and place of its regularly scheduled meetings for the following calendar year. The Commission considered scheduling the following dates for its 2023 regular meeting schedule:

Business Meetings	Appeals Hearings	
Thursdays – 2:00 p.m.	Fridays – 9:00 a.m.	En Banc Courtroom
January 26, 2023	January 27, 2023	
February 16, 2023	February 17, 2023	
March 16, 2023	March 17, 2023	
April 20, 2023	April 21, 2023	
May 18, 2023	May 19, 2023	
June 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	
July 20, 2023	July 21, 2023	
August 17, 2023	August 18, 2023	
September 21, 2023	September 22, 2023	
October 19, 2023	October 20, 2023	
November 16, 2023	November 17, 2023	
December 21, 2023	December 22, 2023	

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the dates.

Second: Commissioner Biggs.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Interagency Agreement with OMES for the reimbursement of certain expenses related to the agency’s relocation from the Kerr Edmondson Building

Chairman Russell presented and answered questions of the commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to approve the Agreement.

Second: Commissioner Biggs.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

10. Discussion and Possible Action to make available Commission En Banc Opinions via website, listserv, or other digital means

Commissioner Biggs presented and answered questions of the commissioners. Commissioner Tilly requested additional input with the ALJs before the Commission votes on any action.

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to continue this item to the next meeting.

Second: Commissioner Biggs.

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

11. New Business

“[A]ny matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting.” 25 O.S. § 311.

Lauren Hammonds Johnson was recognized, presented, and answered questions of the Commission regarding an update on the Denver Davison building renovations.

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Jordan Russell

Motion: Commissioner Tilly moved to adjourn.

Second: Commissioner Biggs

Those voting aye: Chairman Russell, Commissioner Tilly, and Commissioner Biggs.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.